

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Lake Washington Improvement Association  
Tuesday, 10/15/2024**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington Improvement Association was held at the Lake Washington Park community center. The following board members were present: Jim Folden (JF), Kent Reeves (KR), Greg Germscheid (GG), Nicki Veith (NV), Joel Prybylla (JP), Chuck Brandel (CB), Harlan Mehlhop (HM), Jerry Lynch (JL), Zack Jaspers (ZJ), Spenser Bradley (SB)

**LWIA Board meeting**

Vice President Chuck Brandel called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of "District boundary review" and "discussion of the question of Association support of clean water" was made, seconded and unanimously approved. HM/JF

Minutes from the September minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and unanimously approved. KR/NV

The Gambling report for September was presented by Kent Reeves. The net Gain for the month from our four sites was \$10282.15. LWIA's share of the net GAIN for the month was \$3054.80.

Cash over/short was reported. Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$126,955.24, and vouchers for the month totaled \$52,518.55

1) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004

2) Some months our organization meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> or after. Any month this occurs, pre-approval is needed to pay bills that come due on the 20<sup>th</sup> or before. Pre-approval is also needed to pay the MN Department of Revenue for state fees and combined receipts for taxes before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

3) Vouchers numbered 8035 thru 8052 were presented for approval. They were for city taxes, state fees, accounting fees, storage fees/rent, rents, lawful purpose expenditures, auditing fees, misc. cash/bank money, pull-tabs and e gaming.

There were no lawful purpose expenditures.

All supporting documentation was present for review by the Board.

A motion was made to approve items 1-3 on this report, and to approve the report as presented. Jim Folden moved, Spenser Bradley seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Jerry Lynch and Kent Reeves abstained.

Discussion ensued about the portion of gambling proceeds that fund projects in District 77 (crosses Blue Earth and LeSueur county lines). Chuck B shared a map of the Lake Washington area from the GIS program which showed that 32% of our lake area is in the Mankato Public School district 77 area. It follows that projects to improve the lake as a whole benefit both those residents as well as those residents of the lake living in LeSueur county. As a consequence projects on or in the lake, or around the lake in the identified areas may be used to more accurately allocate our donations to meet the city of Mankato's requirements

**General Business: Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Chuck in the packet, as Gary was out. Motion to approve report made, seconded and unanimously approved. SB/KR. Additionally, Spenser has agreed to take over the position of treasurer as he was nominated and approved at last month's meeting.

**Communications/Social Media:** There was no report, but the Board discussed how best to move forward. It was agreed that the committee should first determine exactly what they want the website to do, then meet with the two different providers to see who best would be able to meet these goals. It was also thought that this should be accomplished by December. Spenser B. will follow up with lining up a meeting.

**Fundraising Committee:** Nicki V. presented a sheet with the breakdown of expenses and revenue. It appears that the golf event was a big success, possibly raising as much as \$9,900. There are a number of sponsors though who have not yet paid their sponsorships, and they are being contacted. Some confusion/lack of communication was acknowledged concerning Venmo payments, and this will be dealt with appropriately. As far as the "Membership recruiting tool" there will be a meeting scheduled in the next month.

**Investment/Finance Committee:** No report

**Water Quality Committee:** Chuck reported that the core sampling will occur sometime around October 21 and 22. They have found a boat to use. He also mentioned there will be a Water Quality Committee meeting in the next few weeks, as Mike Schultz has some projects he would like to share with us. The Patterson wetland project is underway as well.

**AIS Committee:** No report.

**Old business:** The Conservationist of the Year award presentation will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently, Chuck, Jason and Jim will be attending, and there is room for 1 more attendee.

**New Business:** Jim brought up the question of whether or not the Board supports clean water. This was a consequence of his wanting to post a quarterly newsletter on the Lake Washington Improvement Association website, and receiving a bit of kickback. The Board agreed without dissent that education and information was worth passing on to users of our Facebook account; and that the “Minnesota Lakes and Rivers” group was sufficiently non-controversial that it would be safe to post links to their site when necessary.

**Meeting Wrap-Up:** There were no additional concerns.

The next meeting will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

10/16/2024